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(to Elizabeth)

you remind me of the scoured asbestos poolsides
enclosed in shining newglass buildings
the grey floating water
smelling of washed naked bodies
raw and newly opened in the six cypresses near the golf-course
sex
and the life was endlessly tedious, endlessly
black closefitting bathingsuits showing figureeight buttocks
checking for athlete's foot, copperbright bitten nails
in the slender fingers browned in the sun off Brickle Park in Miami
blue and white flipflops
sex
as it were more or less
the muscled ambitious lifeguard who made all of them
the nigger boy who stole the showering fat man's wallet
the Jewess with fat thighs who read Emerson through sunglasses
the two arrogant boys who couldn't keep their hands off each other
sex
your hair reminds me of the aged fungus near the drain
naturally watery
running yellow where the little kid peed in the shallow part of the pool